

Gary Thompson Brief Biography

Gary Thompson has lived in Washington D.C. for 30 years, including his time as a student at Georgetown University. He was born in nearby Cheverly, Maryland. He attended Rutgers Law School in Newark, NJ. Since then, he has been in private practice for 26 years. Gary is the Managing Partner of Reed Smith's D.C. office. Gary is a commercial litigator with an emphasis on policyholder-side insurance recovery. Gary has been the lead trial lawyer in trials resulting in victories, ranging from \$6 million (most recently) to \$60 million in recovery (Hurricane Katrina). Gary counts as his biggest successes the settlements that netted his clients excellent recoveries but avoided the expense and uncertainty of litigation. All in, his court verdicts, arbitration awards, and negotiated settlements (as lead lawyer) tally over a billion dollars. For over a decade, Gary has been ranked by Chambers and others as a leading attorney in his field.

Gary has a steadfast commitment to pro bono and community service. He annually works hundreds of free hours and over the years, he has worked on most every kind of pro bono case, ranging from legal aid cases, to child custody, to non-profit governance, to civil rights cases. In 2015, the D.C. Bar recognized Gary as the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year. Gary also serves on several non-profit Boards and served eight years as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. Gary is also an avid long-distance runner (14 marathons and counting).